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## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

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Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground  
825 North Humboldt Avenue  
Willows, CA 95988

Attention: Randy Jero, Recreation Work Lead

**Subject: Public Water System No. 0600056 – Citation No. 21-15C-016**

**for failing to monitor and report nitrate samples.**

The Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground water system is classified as a transient-noncommunity water system. Per Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground is required to monitor and report an annual nitrate sample from Well 01. Per Sections 64432 and 64469 of the CCR, the water system did not collect and report an annual nitrate sample for 2014.

Therefore, this Citation is hereby issued to the water system for violating the monitoring and reporting requirements per the California Code of Regulations cited above.

If you have any questions please call Paul Rowe at (530) 224-4866. You may also contact me directly at (530) 224-4861.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Crenshaw".

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.  
Valley District Engineer  
DRINKING WATER FIELD  
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

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1 **Citation No. 21-15C-016**

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3 **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

4 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

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6 **Public Water System:** Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground

7 **Water System No.:** 0600056

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9 **To:** Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground

10 Attn: Randy Jero, Recreation Work Lead

11 825 North Humboldt Avenue

12 Willows, CA 95988

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14 **Issued:** March 4, 2015

15 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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18 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

19 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**

20 **Sections 64432 and 64469**

21 **Annual Nitrate Monitoring and Reporting Violation 2014**

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23 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the  
24 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe  
25 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with  
26 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

1 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and  
2 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director  
3 for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake  
4 Camp Ground for failure to comply with Sections 64432.1 and 64469(a & c), Title 22,  
5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

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7 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

8 Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

9 *(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation*  
10 *of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order*  
11 *issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to*  
12 *the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public*  
13 *water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed*  
14 *effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of*  
15 *the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to*  
16 *accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be*  
17 *deemed to be the date of mailing.*

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19 *(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the*  
20 *violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision,*  
21 *standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been*  
22 *violated.*

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24 *(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the*  
25 *condition constituting the violation.*  
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1 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in  
2 subdivision (e).

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4 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed  
5 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation  
6 occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A  
7 separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.  
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10 Section 64432.1, Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

11 (a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table  
12 64431-A, all public water systems using groundwater and  
13 transient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water  
14 shall monitor annually, and all community and nontransient-  
15 noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall  
16 monitor quarterly.  
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18 Section 64469 (a & c), Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

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20 (a) Analytical results of all sample analyses completed in a calendar  
21 month shall be reported to the Department no later than the tenth  
22 day of the following month.

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24 (c) Analytical results shall be reported to the Department  
25 electronically using the Electronic Deliverable Format as defined  
26 in The Electronic Deliverable Format [EDF] Version 1.2i

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground (Water System) is classified as a transient noncommunity water system serving approximately 100 people. The Water System is required to collect and report an annual nitrate sample from the groundwater source Well 01 (PS code 0600056-001) in accordance with Sections 64432.1(a) and 64469 (a & c), of the CCR. To date, the Division has not received laboratory results for nitrate samples collected in 2014. The last sample reported to the Division was taken in December of 2013.

**DETERMINATIONS**

The Division has determined that the Water System violated Sections 64432.1(a) and 64469(a & c), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the Water System failed to collect and report an annual nitrate sample in 2014.

**DIRECTIVES**

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Sections 64432.1(a) and 64469 (a & c), Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods.
2. Within 30 days of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by the Water System of these violations as required by Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with each of the following:



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a. Provide the notice contained in Attachment 'A' by posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system. Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall not be made unless approved by the Division.

3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public Notification" form within 10 days of giving public notice. A copy of the notice used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.

All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Department shall be submitted to the following address:

Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.  
Valley District Engineer  
Drinking Water Field Operations  
Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resources Control Board  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101  
Redding, CA 96002

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

1 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

2 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of  
3 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of  
4 the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order  
5 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation  
6 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the  
7 Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public  
8 water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to  
9 comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various  
10 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with  
11 violates an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement  
12 action by issuance of this citation.

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14 **PARTIES BOUND**

15 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its officers,  
16 directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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18 **SEVERABILITY**

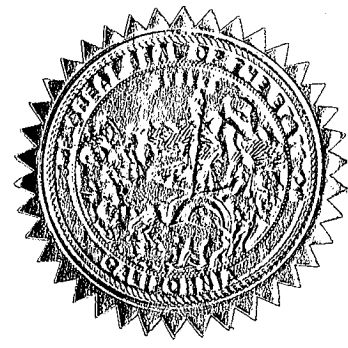
19 The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with  
20 each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other  
21 provision.

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R. Crenshaw  
Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer  
Valley District  
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

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Date

- Attachments:
- A. Public Notification Form
  - B. Proof of Notification Form





**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST – LETTS LAKE CAMP  
GROUND DID NOT COLLECT AN ANNUAL NITRATE  
SAMPLE IN 2014.**

Our water system recently violated a monitoring requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

**What should you do?**

You do not need to boil the water or take any corrective actions. This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on regulated contaminants in drinking water are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**What happened? What was done?**

Mendocino National Forest – Letts Lake Camp Ground failed to collect an annual nitrate sample in 2014 from Well 01 as required by state and federal regulations. Regulations require that public water systems notify their customers for monitoring violations. The Camp Ground will perform required nitrate sampling on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. Nitrate was not detected in the last sample taken from Well 01 in December of 2013.

**What does this mean?**

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level (mcl) allowed by the regulations may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Higher nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.

For more information, please contact Randy Jero at 530-934-1269

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being posted by the Mendocino National Forest – Letts Lake Camp Ground water system.

State Water System ID#: 0600056 Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.

## CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This form when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by the State Water Resources Control Board. Completing public notification and providing the Division with certification is important. Failure to do so will result in additional hourly time charges to your water utility and may result in a formal enforcement action with monetary penalties.

**Public Water System Name** Mendocino National Forest - Letts Lake Camp Ground

Public Water System No. 0600056

Public notification for the 2014 annual nitrate sample monitoring failure was performed by the following method(s):

## Check and Complete

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ By posting of the notice in conspicuous locations served by the water system.

For this method, provide the date (or dates) that the notice was posted \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_